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The

Round-Up

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Exams Tell All

It's that great time of the year again, when the great catastrophe of taking exams has passed and the suffering continues on. What suffering? The suffering of waiting for one's grade or facing up to what one got.

Why bother with worrying? Why chew your fingernails down to the end? It happens every year and it will continue to happen. Ouch! (my fingernails are getting short) Forget your worries! Fight them and then relax. Just sit back and think of the future, not the past. Think about when you will be telling the members of the next generation.

The topic for thinking about now, is, how is one to get up that far? How is one to build up oneself for a good future? Fretting about past grades won't help. Think about what is to come.

Art Literary Contests

The new art literary magazine, the Laridt, has just held a writing contest and plans more.

Art, photography and long range writing contests are scheduled for the future.

Several staffers have talked to Mr. Goodsman for suggestions as to where to print the magazine and whether to break even or aim for a profit.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, bring it to room 209 and remember to watch for contest winners in later issues of the Round-Up.

Full Orchestra Organizes

A 47-piece full orchestra is practicing after school for the contest in March.

It is composed of twenty violins, four violas, four cellos, three basses and seventeen wind instruments. It works an hour after school on Tuesday and Thursday.

Mr. Townsend commented that they were an extremely impressive group and that there were no problems as of yet. He also felt the strings had come of age after a tough Christmas concert and were playing well.

They will play a Shubert number, a Bach string orchestra piece and another required composition as yet undecided.

Today's fickle finger of fate award goes to Rich Nisbit for brightening up the 8th and 9th grade fun-nite.

Second Semester Brings Changes

With the beginning of the second semester, changes are being made and things are happening at West.

Many students are changing their classes. Seventh grade art and general music classes, and eighth grade shop and mechanical drawing classes are switching.

Freshmen are changing between study halls, typing classes, general business, and careers.

This is the semester with only two vacations. The first is Easter vacation, ten days from April 4 to April 14, and the second is Memorial Day, May 31.

The music organizations here at West will be especially busy second semester. They will be preparing for a Spring Concert. Both the concert band and the full orchestra are going to festival, and some members are going to the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The band will march in the Memorial Day parade, too.

Second semester also means finishing up the basketball and wrestling seasons, and beginning track.

The six weeks schedule for second semester is as follows: 1st six weeks, Jan. 27 - March 7; 2nd six weeks, March 10 - April 25; 3rd six weeks, April 28 - June 13.

In Memoriam

West was deeply sorrowed by the death of Gary Ousley, an 8th grader, who died of injuries received in a train accident. Gary died on Wednesday night, Jan. 22, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Witnesses said that Gary was standing on one set of tracks waiting for a westbound train to pass when an eastbound train struck him and threw Gary some 30 feet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Special Events

Feb. 12 - Lincoln's birthday
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
Feb. 22 - Washington's birthday; Solo & Ensemble

Wrestling Meets

Feb. 5 - East, Away
Feb. 12 - Trenton, Home
Feb. 13 - Saline, Away
Feb. 18 - Belleville, Away
Freshman Basketball
Feb. 4 - Nankin Mills, Away
Feb. 7 - East, Away
Feb. 13 - Blissfield, Away
Feb. 21 - East, Home
Feb. 28 - Belleville, Away

Editorial: School Spirit

As we get farther into the basketball and wrestling seasons it seems time to examine the force that holds the school unit together—no, not gravity, school spirit.

Most good schools have it. It's an intangible substance, though easily identified. It involves pride in the school, citizenship, sportsmanship and willingness to do the most possible for the school.

You can tell it's there if the students are solidly behind a losing team as well as a winning team.

When students are interested in what's going on at the school and participate freely, then that school's got school spirit. It's the soul and the moving force.

School spirit as regards to athletics is perhaps the easiest to muster, and West certainly doesn't lack there. But does your spirit and pride at the game remain in the classroom?



GUESS WHO?

Who can this lovely baby be? Hint: 9th grade girl, 1st hour history, member of orchestra. Answer at bottom of page.

OFFICE WORK FUN

Have you ever wondered what the girls in the office do? Or, who they are or how they are chosen? Well now you can find out!

The office assistants are ninth grade girls who are chosen from their study halls to work in the office. They work every day during their assigned period. Their jobs include answering the phone, taking messages to students and teachers, calling home for students who are sick and typing out the attendance. They also help Mrs. Kelly in any way they can.

This year's office assistants are Rocky Lemon, Patsy Kitchen, Gayle Court, Marilyn Newton, Karen Fish, and Janie Porter. Connie Miller, Linda Tardiff, Sue Vargo, Julie Wilber, Becky Goss, Audrey Parsons and Gris Maull are also office assistants.

Marilyn Newton said, "I really like working in the office. It's fun!"

Answer: Janie Porter

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in this paper
may do so
free of charge
by contacting
Marga Eaton,
Judy Davis
or
any staff member.

In the Spotlight

If you haven't met Mike Bower yet, you're missing something! He's in the 7th grade at our great school, in homeroom 201. He's kinda shy and he *does* doesn't dig the girls as of yet— but we're sure they flip for him!

He's about 5'1" and can usually be found messing around in the 7th grade commons area talking to Jeff Fuller and everybody else. If you happen to see him after school, he'll probably be on his way up to the Big Top and over to Fletcher school to shoot baskets, his favorite sports being basketball and football. (He's very good at both)

By now I know you're interested, so if you ever get a chance to take a look around for him, do. You'll know who he is!

BAND NOTES

Besides the work for Solo and Ensemble Festival, Band Festival, and regular challenges, the concert band is working with a full orchestra and a pep band.

The full orchestra is made up of members of the string orchestra and a few members of the concert band. Altogether there are about 50 members. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and are planning to go to festival, too.

The pep band consists of about 20 members of the concert band who play at freshmen games.

The fun-nights on January 17th and 24th were sponsored by the band.

The Round-Up

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Bell Tolls For Exams

By Mary Bell

Oh no, what am I going to do with myself since exams are over? I know I just won't know what to do with all my spare time!

I bet everyone in school thought exams were the best things that ever happened to them, especially those 7th graders.

Isn't it just too bad that they have ended? I know how much everyone looks forward to exams. I mean, after all, they only happen twice a year and once a semester. And just think of the time you have off school. All those half days plus one whole one. But I know that in that time you were just thinking of how much you missed at school.

Just think how happy you'll be when you find out that you have flunked an exam or two. (maybe three) Isn't it just great when your parents find out about it and your grounded for the next six months. I really look forward to that.

Just think, it won't be to long until June when you get to take those fantastic exams again.

MATURITY IS...

by Cheryl Callis

- Maturity is awareness that the world was not made just for you.
- Maturity is letting someone else have the last word.
- Maturity is talking ... to your parents.
- Maturity is listening ... to your teachers.

It Strikes Again!

by the Abdominable
Snowman

Something has struck this year which caused both grief and happiness in all homes across the land. At the end of '68, we thought it would never get here, but the new year came in with a storm.

Snow! What a wild, wonderful thing snow can be. No one can be sure of what the stuff is made of but it's white and cold and wet.

"Snow bunnies" enjoy skiing, tobogganning, skating and just general snowball fighting along with snowmen. Hawaiian lovers can't wait 'till summer and they complain about cold hands (they should wear mittens) and feet they get.

I, being among the people who couldn't live without snow, well, just couldn't live without snow. I'm made of it and live on it.

Top Ten

1. Touch Me - The Doors
2. Build Me Up Buttercup - The Foundations
3. Can I Change My Mind - Tyrone Davis
4. Hooked on a Feeling - B.J. Thomas
5. You Got Soul - Johnny Nash
6. Hang 'Em High - Booker T. and the M.G.'s
7. Crimson In Clover - Tommy James and the Shondells
8. I Started a Joke - The Bee Gee's
9. Red, Red Wine - Tom Jones
10. The Worse that Could Happen - The Brooklyn Bridge

Gary I. your mom is calling

Did you hear the story about the skunk that wasn't working?
What happened?

He was out of oder.(ha ha)

NEW TEACHER

Mrs. Bogg, one of our new teachers at West, teaches English and literature in room 307.

She was born in Bay City, Michigan, and grew up in Midland. She likes camping and enjoys sports, especially tennis, swimming and hiking.

In college, Mrs. Bogg majored in English and German. She went to four different colleges, Illinois Wesleyan, the University of Heidelberg in Germany, Central Michigan University, and then back to U. of M., where she taught Freshman Composition and is now finishing her Ph.D.

Presently living in Ann Arbor, Mrs. Bogg has two children, ages one and seven.

Mrs. Bogg likes teaching at West and she thinks the kids are noisy and nice.

JAN. 21 - FEB 19

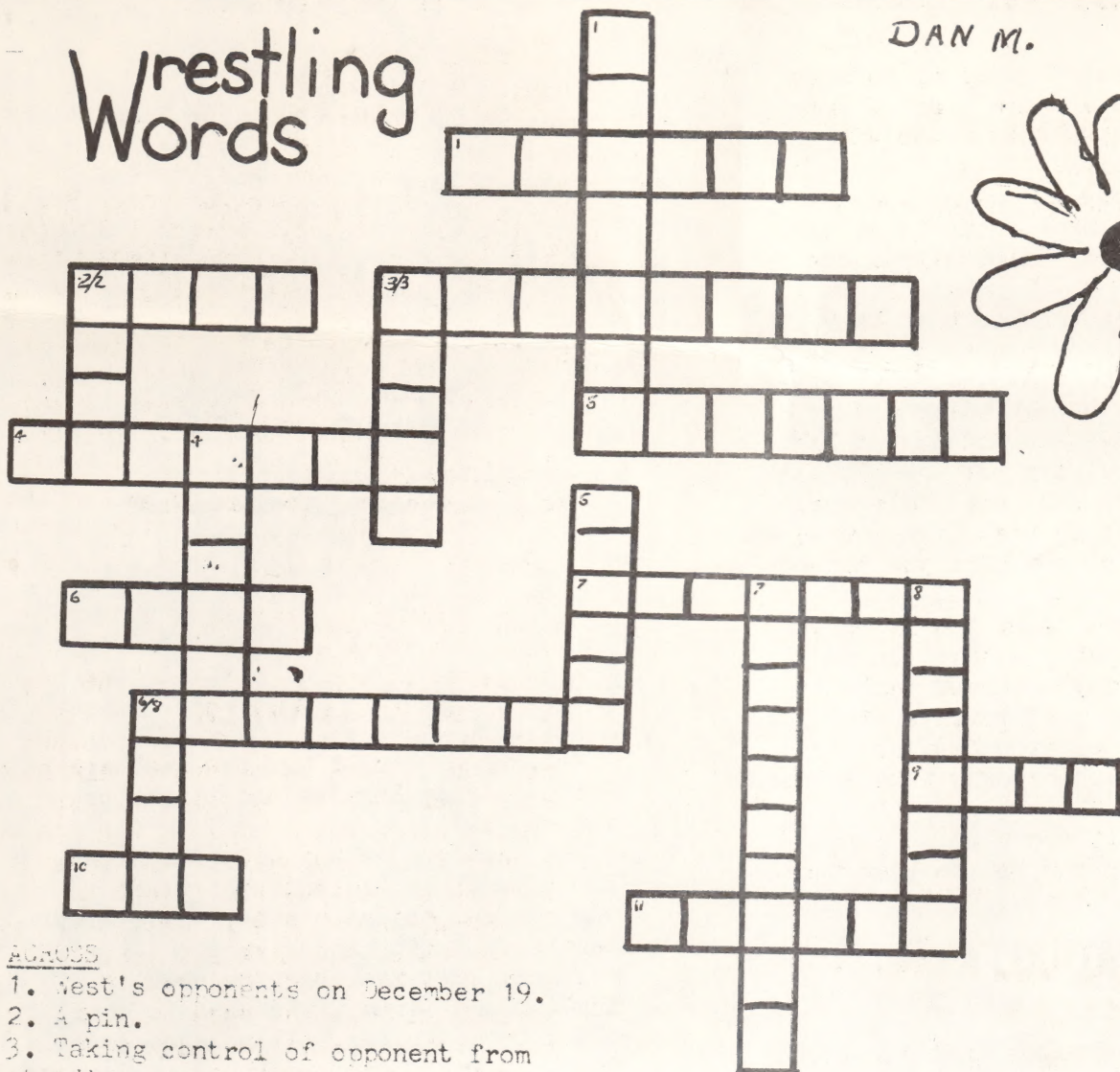


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Persons born under the sign of Aquarius....are restless, lazy, individualistic, inventive and unique. They are pleasing, agreeable and fond of water sports. Girls dislike supervision and boys may become too attached to older relatives, or unworthy friends. They are usually calm, quiet and seldom ill-tempered. Their greatest fault is procrastination. Aquarius' lucky day is Thursday and their unlucky day is Wednesday. They are most successful in April and August.

Wrestling Words

DAN M.



ACROSS

1. West's opponents on December 19.
2. A pin.
3. Taking control of opponent from standing.
4. Switching from bottom to top position.
5. West's opponents on February 12.
6. Banging opponents to the mats. Illegal.
7. Head coach.
8. Winning by points.
9. West's opponents on January 8.
10. Team points for a tie.
11. 7th and 8th grade opponents on January 15 and February 13.

DOWN

1. When opponent doesn't show up.
2. Team points for a pin.
3. Team points for a decision.
4. Getting out from the bottom position.
5. Pinning hold, half or quarter.
6. A tie.
7. West's opponents on January 15.
8. Assistant coach.

New Year's Resolution

Mac - Not to mess around with other women!

Jim Calder - To learn about capitals and periods!

Zana Wilson - Get Fred a woman!

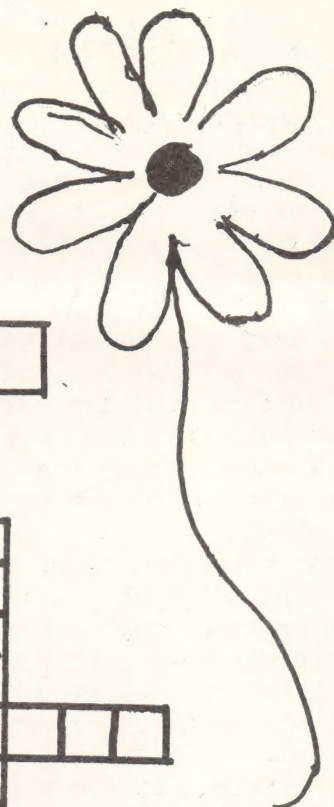
Betty Calder - Gain weight (all over)

Fam Slavenwhite - Quit messin' around with those 8th graders.

Preston Kruse - make "first string" in wrestling.

Sue Parks - Jog on up to the Olympics in Tokyo next year- and win a gold medal.

John Collins - Go into a partnership with Bill Cosby.



The Shadow

by Kathy Helppie

The Shadow was outsmarted today by her victim Kim Bahr. On her routine round of classes, Kim Bahr was extra good. In LASS, she was quiet. Why? To show the teacher and class she could be silent for three periods. In math all she did was study and occasionally talk to girls around her. While in the gym, all she did was play basketball; and later in band she just "tooted" her flute. Science was more of the same: she did her work with nothing to say. She was not herself on this day. The Shadow has no more to say.....except remember. You may think no one knows what you are doing but.....

The Shadow always knows.

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Wrestlers Defeat Arch Rival

by Dan Meade

West's matmen defeated East by a score of 36-8. West had control of the meet from the start and won it going away.

In the exhibition matches the winners were as follows: 112 lbs. Barry Isaacson dec. 6-1; 112 lbs. Mark Green dec. 5-1; 120 lbs. Jim Calder dec. 4-0; 145 lbs. Dave Young dec. 4-2.

In the varsity meet the winners by pins were 133 lbs. Steve Smith and 154 lbs. Dennis Speer. Winners by decisions were as follows: 85 lbs. Dan Parker 8-5, 95 lbs. Brad Holman 5-0, 103 lbs. Willie Stornes 4-3, 112 lbs. Grady Rice 6-3, 120 lbs. Dan Meade 3-2, 127 lbs. Rick Baldwin 4-0, 145 lbs. Jeff Rust 2-0. At heavyweight, Charles Ervin won by a forfeit.

The meet was held on the 8th of January at the West gym.

FRESHMEN "5" DOWNS MILAN

by Mark Hamilton

West's 3-year Stallions stretched their winning streak to 15 games over three years by downing the Milan Little Reds basketball team 70-43 on Jan. 14.

With the score 22-5 at the end of the first quarter, West seemed to have no trouble handling the zone defense set up by Milan. Fred Trosko scored 10 points.

The freshman five led the Reds at the half by a score of 39-16. Fred Trosko left the floor with an amazing total of 16 points. Pat McCrystal showed determined rebounding strength with a total of 5.

After a successful third quarter score of 55-33, victory was assured.

The final statistics are as follows:

	Scoring	Rebounds
Fred Trosko	16	14
Pat McCrystal	4	7
Rufus Powell	10	3
Rick Hawkins	10	2
Terry Frye	6	7
Bob McSpadden	5	2
John Schmidt	5	3
Team Total	70	46

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Jan. 30	Adrian	Away	4:00
Feb. 5	East	Away	4:00
Feb. 12	Trenton	Home	5:00
Feb. 18	Belleville	Away	3:45
	7th and 8th grade meet		
Feb. 13	Saline	Away	4:00

Cagers Take Fourth Victory

On Friday, Jan. 16, the freshmen basketball team of West Junior High, put on one of their greatest defensive efforts ever seen. The Mustangs were victorious over Blissfield Junior High by a score of 73-22.

West's defense held Blissfield to 10 points in the first quarter, no points in the second quarter, 2 points in the third quarter and 10 points in the fourth quarter. The Mustangs dominated the boards with 56 rebounds. Fred Trosko led the rebounding with 14. Doug Baylis had 9 and John Schmidt had 7.

On offense, West made 29 out of 71 shots for a good 40% shooting average. At the free throw line the freshmen sunk 75% of their charity tosses. Fred Trosko led all scorers with 18 points. Close behind him was Rick Hawkins with 16 points. Doug Baylis dropped in 8 points and played a very fine game all the way round. Leading scorer for Blissfield was D. Hogenbouch with 9 points.

The Mustangs didn't run into too much foul trouble, committing 12 personals. However, West gave up the ball 24 times on turnovers.

Head Coach Livedoti, stated that Friday's game "was the best game (for West) I've ever seen."

Matmen Embarrass Belleville 52-0

Wednesday, January 15th, the Mustang wrestlers defeated the Belleville Tigers by a smashing score of 52-0.

As of January 15th, West is 3-0, totaling 143 points, to their opponents' 16.

Results of the matches are as follows

Wgt.	Name	Result
85	Wolf	Pin (1st Period)
95	Holman	Pin (2nd Period)
103	Jordan	Decision (16-14)
112	Stornes	Decision (6-2)
120	Meade	Decision (8-0)
127	Wolter	Pin (1st Period)
133	Fidler	Pin (1st Period)
138	Smith	Pin (1st Period)
145	Gilbert	Forfeit
154	Speer	Pin (1st Period)
165	Fancett	Decision (3-0)
HW	Irving	Pin (1st Period)

MR. Lambros: White Socks Are Not KOSHER

With Love,
The Head Rabbi

EIGHTH GRADE Schedule

Jan. 29	East	AWAY	4:00
Feb. 6	Belleville	HOME	3:45
Feb. 11	Tecumseh	HOME	4:00
Feb. 14	East	HOME	3:45
Feb. 27	Belleville	AWAY	3:45
SEVENTH GRADE BB.			
Feb. 6	Belleville	HOME	3:45
Feb. 11	Tecumseh	HOME	4:00
Feb. 14	East	HOME	3:45

Sports Spotlight

Doug Baylis is featured in this "Round-Up Spotlight." Doug, who is a Freshmen this year at West, has had an interesting and admirable basketball season so far.

Coming off the bench in the first half, Doug has proved that he can go in a game and play good basketball. In the team's first victory, Doug contributed eight points and pulled off many necessary rebounds. The second game of the season showed Doug, again, playing good offense and good defense. One cannot work without the other.

One reason Doug gives such a good performance in the Mustang's games is because he works hard at practice. Running hard, working to improve his shot, working on his ball handling, concentrating on defense, Doug works extremely hard. In all of these, plus, he inspires his teammates. With such phrases as "Put yourself together" and "Pick yourself up," Doug makes a player work harder.

Doug has played ball all three years he has been here. During the 7th and 8th grade seasons, Doug played under Coach Ralph Perriello. Now in the 9th grade, under Dominic Livedoti, he is having one of his best seasons yet.

Yes, Doug seems to be a very promising player. Doug plans to go to Ypsilanti High School and perhaps play basketball there. Let's hope Doug can "keep himself together."

NINTH GRADE AVERAGES

The following statistics are averages for the ninth grade basketball team after four games. The Mustangs, so far, are 4-0 on the season.

	TP	AVE. PT.	RE.
Fred Trosko	63	15.7	54
Ricky Hawkins	63	15.7	6
Rufus Powell	38	9.5	20
Pat McCrystal	26	6.5	19
Bob McSpadden	23	5.7	6
Doug Baylis	20	5.5	25
TOTAL TEAM PT.	294	73.5	---

SPORTS SCENE

by Dane Fortney

Will the junior high players of today be able to keep up the winning tradition in basketball at the high school?

I was thinking the other day about the great basketball team that they have at the high school and what a fine job Coach Ouellette has done with that team. When he came to Ypsi, they were nothing but a losing team. In just a few seasons he built a team that last year went to the state finals, only to lose to the underdog Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills Braves (the home of Mr. Latta). This year Ypsi's Braves are shooting for the finals again and have built up a record of 6-0.

Here at West the ninth grade team has built up a 15-0 record over three years and hopes to make it 23-0 by the end of the year. The West team has three potential candidates for the varsity, Fred Trosko, Pat McCrystal and Rufus Powell. All have a real good chance because all three front-court men for Ypsi's starting five will be graduating.

Over at East Side I can see nothing at all. Their only basketball player broke his leg in practice and has been lost for the season. All the other boys on their team are just football players trying to stay in shape.

In the wrestling program I foresee great things. Right now at the high school they have some great wrestlers, but they're going to be pressured by some sophmores next year.

Some of the future greats should be Jeff Rust, Denny Spear, Dan Meade, Mike Gilbert and Bob Fidler. In fact, I think our whole team could take the J.V.'s place and do a fine job.

MUSTANGS REVENGE FOOTBALL LOSS

In a Friday frolic for the freshmen basketball players, the West Mustangs defeated the Belleville Tigers, 71-47. The Mustangs, helped by things like Belleville's center executing a field goal for West, played an excellent game.

After Belleville won the opening jump, West went on to defeat them easily, led by the starting five: Fred Trosko and Rufus Powell at forward, Bob McSpadden and Rick Hawkins at the guard slots, and Pat McCrystal at center.

McCrystal, recovering from a leg injury, started out with a hot first half and set his personal all-time high of 16 points before the final buzzer. Hawkins was second in scoring with 15. Trosko was high rebounder with 12 points.